Separating prostitutes from other women prisoners

4354. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has approached Government that prostitutes should be kept separately and not jailed with other women prisoners as motivated by classification;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Women has recommended that the female prisoners population should be composed of only prisoners arrested for criminal offences. Prisoners with socially deviant behaviour such as beggary, prostitution, drug abuse, mental health problems should not be kept in the same prison.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has sent the recommendation to the State Governments for appropriate action, as prisons is a State subject.

Recovery of unauthorised HRA in KVS

4355. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Kendriya Vidyalaya Principals had been drawing H.R.A. unauthorisedly, prior to December, 2000;

(b) if so the Vidyalaya-wise details of the total amount drawn by each of them;

(c) whether recovery of whole of the unauthorised HRA, drawn upto December, 2000 was condoned;

(d) if so, the justification thereof;

(e) whether the officer condoning it possessed powers of condonation; and

(f) if not, the action taken by the Ministry of recover the loss so caused?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

(c) to (f) As per information received from the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the Commissioner has used the powers vested in him under Rule 22 of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Allotment of Residences)